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November 13, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 13-20467**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 18, 2012 to accept and execute future agreements and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the Network for a Healthy California - Local Health Department program (Network-LHD) Grant Agreement (GA) Number 12-10170 that reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the agreement's terms and conditions; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO which may include significant contractual provisions required by the State that depart from standard Board approved language, including insurance and indemnification.

Under this delegated authority, I will accept and execute GA Number 13-20467 from the California Department of Public Health, for the term of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$49,927,805, increasing the total grant amount by \$6,549,972 (from \$43,377,833 to \$49,927,805), for the terms of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 (from \$14,142,850 to \$15,642,701); October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 (from \$13,557,016 to \$15,642,701); and October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 (from \$12,678,265 to \$15,642,701).

Due to State law, the current GA cannot be amended. Therefore, GA Number 13-20467 was issued to incorporate GA Number 12-10170, and to provide additional funds for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2016. All terms and conditions of the GA remain the same.

The overarching goal of the NEOP-LA project is to reduce obesity and other diet-related chronic diseases among Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education

(SNAP-Ed) participants and SNAP-eligible participants in Los Angeles County by increasing access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages and increasing daily physical activity opportunities. This funding will enhance the current Network-LHD program by supporting the Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention--Los Angeles (NEOP-LA) project and associated program evaluation activities. As part of this effort, in November 2013, Department of Public Health (DPH) will recommend that your Board authorize execution of 15 contracts resulting from a competitive solicitation process and two sole source contracts, supported by this funding to implement the NEOP-LA project. In addition, these funds will support program evaluation activities which include monitoring program progress and deliverables (e.g., reports, community engagement, and health education provided); assessing the food and physical activity environment in low-income neighborhoods; and measuring the impact and outcomes of nutrition and physical activity interventions among eligible target populations.

The increase in funding for the term October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 may require an appropriation adjustment for DPH's budget in an estimated amount of \$2.09 million. If needed, DPH will include a request for appropriation adjustment with the CEO's mid-year Budget Adjustment.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved GA Number 13-20467 as to form and this delegated authority action, and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the GA include provisions requiring the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses related to this Agreement. This is a standard requirement from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
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